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## Bosnia's Council of Ministers unlocks IMF's €330 million loan - N1

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The BiH Council of Ministers on Tuesday unblocked a €330 million loan that the IMF approved for BiH in April to help the country address the COVID-19 crisis.

According to the decision formally adopted at the Tuesday session of Bosnia's Council of Ministers, the amount would be distributed in a way that Bosniak-Croat shared Federation (FBiH) entity gets 61.5% of the amount for its ten cantons and the Serb-dominated Republika Srpska (RS) entity gets 37.5%, while Brcko District, a separate administrative unit in the north, would get 1% o the whole amount.

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## EU Delegation, EU heads of mission issue statement on corruption investigations

The EU Delegation/EUSR and EU heads of mission in BiH issued a statement Tuesday calling on BiH authorities to investigate and bring charges for "any suspected misuse of funds in relation to public procurement." The text of the statement is below.

#### Statement of the EU Delegation/EUSR and EU Heads of Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

02.06.2020.

We expect authorities throughout BiH to duly investigate and bring before the competent courts charges for any suspected misuse of funds in relation to public procurement, including during the response to Covid-19 pandemic.

We expect all authorities to conduct effective investigations, fully in line with fair trial guarantees, based on the principles of rule of law as a key EU value and free from any political pressure or influence. The independence of prosecutors and judges remains essential and must be ensured. Threats and pressures against police and prosecutors are unacceptable.

We call upon the BiH Parliamentary Assembly to align BiH legislation on public procurement with the relevant EU acquis as required under the Opinion, without further delay.

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## Bosnia's security minister to resign over migrant dispute – Reuters

June 2, 2020

BiH Security Minister Fahrudin Radoncic announced his resignation Tuesday over what he called a lack of support in handling a migrant crisis.

Radoncic said he also disagreed with SDA pressure exerted on the judiciary relating to a corruption scandal over the procurement of defective ventilators for coronavirus patients, in which the premier of one of Bosnia's two autonomous regions, who is an SDA member, is one of the key suspects.

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